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General Thomas D. White  
Chief of Staff, USAF  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General White:

In connection with the continuation of AGATESTONE/OILSTONE affairs, I should like to comment briefly on the fine performance of the Special Assistant to the Inspector General for Projects, Lieutenant [redacted] USAF, who since July 1955 has been instrumental in the support of Project OILSTONE, and who is also within the January 1958 zone of consideration for promotion to full Colonel.

While I have not had the daily contact with [redacted] that the Project Director, [redacted] has had, I can honestly say that both in the formative period and later the productive phases of OILSTONE, [redacted] has consistently made major contributions to the effective working of this highly important joint effort.

In his role as principal liaison between Agency and Air Force elements participating in our activities, [redacted] has acquitted himself with considerable distinction. He has displayed unfailing ingenuity, boundless energy and tact, as well as commendable planfulness and originality in what I consider an extremely difficult assignment, standing as he has been between the two corporate bodies of the Agency and the Air Force, and working on problems for which there has been little or no precedence in either organization. Throughout it all he has maintained his balance, perspective and good sense of humor.

It is appropriate to note also that since early 1951, [redacted] has been working continuously for and with CIA, in headquarters and overseas, in a succession of air support assignments. These have been of such a classification that in nearly every instance the GDS in his Field Personnel Record has of necessity been somewhat less than truly descriptive of the command and staff aspects of his work. On several occasions his Effectiveness Report has carried the endorsement of a senior officer whose relationship to [redacted] has been only that of staff cover supervisor and who consequently could not accurately appraise his work. We have, by the way, improved our methods in this regard so as to make Effectiveness Reports more fully meaningful.

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With the prospect that AQUATONE/OILSTONE will continue its activities for an indefinite period, more or less in its present form, and with the certainty that [ ] will continue to be its principal liaison officer in Headquarters, Air Force, I hope that the weight of his distinguished performance in its behalf can be given appropriate consideration by the forthcoming Selection Board.

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Attached is a sanitized unclassified version of this letter.

With warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,

SIGNED

C. P. Cahall  
Lieutenant General, USAF  
Deputy Director

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